



## Warren "Bud" Mendez

April 26, 1920 - January 13, 2020

Warren "Bud" Mendez, age 99, of Holly died Mon. Jan. 13, 2020. He was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts on April 26, 1920 to Olympio and Luiza Mendes. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 74 years, Kay. Also surviving are his son Donald (Geri); and daughters Linda (Phil) Lester; Susan (Jim) Gromak; Michele; Toni (Alan) Patterson; and Janie (Randy) McNeeley; 13 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, James Mendez. Military honors and interment will be at 10:00 am on Friday, Jan. 17, 2020 at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Memorial donations may be made to the Hulet-Bravender Post #5587 VFW of Holly. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

## Cemetery Details

### Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

## Previous Events

### Military Honors

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery  
Holly, MI

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Chase Klimek lit a candle in memory of Warren "Bud" Mendez*



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**Chase Klimek** - April 16, 2020 at 10:48 AM

SP

“ *Sue Prose lit a candle in memory of Warren "Bud" Mendez*



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**Sue Prose** - January 16, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Warren "Bud" Mendez.*



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January 14, 2020 at 07:48 PM

DM

“ *Michelle, you know how much that I admired and loved your Mom and Dad and I'm so sorry. He has probably left favorite memories with others all over Holly, he was such a memorable person. Donna ( Library)*

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**Donna Machleit** - January 14, 2020 at 03:09 PM

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Thanks, Donna 😊

Michele - January 24, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ Connie Austin-Davis lit a candle in memory of Warren "Bud" Mendez



Connie Austin-Davis - January 14, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Warren "Bud" Mendez.



January 14, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Warren "Bud" Mendez.



January 14, 2020 at 09:31 AM

RS

“ My condolences to the Mendez and Almeida families. I grew up with son Don in New Bedford, MA. We shared many journeys and memories especially playing basketball for NBHS. I am so glad that Don and his Dad were able “connect” within the past 12/13 years to share their life journeys. Such a beautiful faith filled life event. Please know that family and friends will be in my daily prayers. God Bless.

*Rev. Deacon Bob Snigir  
Temple, TX*

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**Rev. Deacon Bob Snigir** - January 14, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Warren "Bud" Mendez.



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January 13, 2020 at 07:59 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Hoover lit a candle in memory of Warren "Bud" Mendez*



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**Kathy Hoover** - January 13, 2020 at 07:47 PM

JB

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Mendez family during this very trying time. I always enjoyed being around Bud and admired his history. Unfortunately we are out of state for the winter so will be unable to attend this service for a true American Hero! RIP my friend you will be missed!

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**John and CJ Brummeler** - January 13, 2020 at 05:02 PM

JS

*I served on the Village Planning Commission with Bud, He was always the complete gentleman, his concern for the health, safety, and welfare of Holly was the benchmark for all of us ..thanks bud for your service to your country and your community... Jerry Flewelling Sr.*

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**jerry flewelling sr** - January 17, 2020 at 08:38 AM

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*Much belated condolences to Family of Warren Mendez. Just learned that Mr. Mendez died in 2020, almost 100 years after he was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts. He was a noted middle-distance track star at New Bedford High School and set several Winter and Spring Track records during his high school career. In the Wednesday, February 3, 1960 issue of the New Bedford Standard-Times, it was reported (on page 26) that Warren Mendes had the fourth fastest time in the one-mile run, and third fastest in the 600-yard run, ever recorded by a New Bedford High student on the indoor track at the New Bedford High School Gymnasium on County Street. As that venue has not been used in competition since 1960, that achievement should still stand. The mile distance was 21 laps on this oval track laid out above the basketball court. This building now is now the home of the New Bedford School Department. Newspaper clippings for that era are available in newspapers.com and possibly in other internet archives, such as the New Bedford Free Public Library.*

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**William Young** - November 26, 2025 at 08:38 PM